

of hate and destruction. I support efforts to stop their entry and to enable expedited expulsions.

A free society cannot conduct witch hunts for suspected terrorists. Our country went through such a black period in the fifties when we unleashed the un-American label on thousands of loyal citizens because of suspected associations.

We must not now begin another period of impugning guilt because of life style, ethnic background, or political associations.

But we cannot fail to safeguard our own people from foreign enemies.

I disagree with the restrictions of habeas corpus and fully expect they will be expunged by courts as unconstitutional.

I vote for this conference report with this expectation.

Moreover, I regret that this legislation is being used as a vehicle to advance antiimmigrant attitudes. This bill increases the number of criminal activities that legal aliens can be deported for. Most of the additional offenses are not required to be linked to terrorism. Listed among these offenses are; prostitution, bribery, counterfeiting, forgery, vehicle theft, false immigration documents, obstruction of justice, perjury, bribery of witnesses, and failure to appear in court.

I am deeply concerned that these provisions expand authorization for deportation of aliens with any association with crimes of violence or terrorism.

I believe legal aliens should be granted the same due process opportunities as U.S. citizens.

We are all legitimately disturbed with terrorism and violence in our communities. However, it is wrong to place upon legal immigrants a higher penalty for crimes which in themselves are not related to terroristic actions. Deportation should be reserved for only the most heinous of crimes rending the person unfit to remain in the country.

These anti-immigrant provisions have been wrongly attached to this bill. I am voting for this conference report, with these serious reservations which I hope can be stripped from this legislation at a later time.

The only way out for now is to encourage aliens to become U.S. citizens and avoid this jeopardy.

AEGIS EXCELLENCE AWARD TO LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard has, throughout its history, demonstrated that it is one of the most effective, cost efficient yards, public or private, in the Nation. Despite this impressive record, the Navy recommended, as part of the 1995 base closure round, that the Long Beach Naval Shipyard be closed. That recommendation was ratified by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission and signed into law by President Clinton.

The closure of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in September 1997 will be a tremendous

loss to the Navy and to the Nation. Just how serious this loss will be was demonstrated again last month when the Long Beach Naval Shipyard was given the AEGIS Excellence Award by Rear Adm. G. A. Huchting, the Navy's AEGIS program manager, "for its outstanding contributions to the completion of the Regular Overhaul [ROH] of the USS *Antietam* (CG 54)."

In his message to Cpt. John Pickering, commanding officer of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Admiral Huchting said, "Long Beach Naval Shipyard's excellent support to both the crew of *Antietam* and the AEGIS Program Office was instrumental in ensuring the success of this complex and technically demanding availability."

"The execution of *Antietam's* overhaul was challenged by several unexpected difficulties, such as consistently poor weather conditions, which significantly delayed progress on all outside work. Long Beach Naval Shipyard accepted each challenge with an aggressive attitude and extraordinary flexibility. Through superb teamwork and perseverance, shipyard personnel accomplished nearly 100,000 mandays of industrial work, enabling *Antietam* to complete its availability on time and under budget."

"Long Beach Naval Shipyard's professionalism and dedication to quality were key factors in the redelivery of an upgraded *Antietam* to the Fleet. In recognition of this outstanding accomplishment, I am very pleased to present the AEGIS Excellence Award to Long Beach Naval Shipyard for an effort that truly exemplifies AEGIS team spirit and the pursuit of excellence. Congratulations on a job well done!"

Admiral Huchting's message confirms what those of us who fought to preserve the shipyard argued, that the Long Beach Naval Shipyard is a critical national security resource which, when closed, cannot be replaced. And it further reaffirms the quality, commitment, and dedication of the shipyard's work force. Though they are slated to lose their positions as the shipyard closes, the men and women who work at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard remain committed to doing the best possible job on behalf of their Nation. These dedicated men and women deserve our highest praise and deepest gratitude for the contribution they are making. The AEGIS Excellence Award is well deserved. I am proud to represent the employees of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard who earned it through their superb efforts and their commitment to excellence.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY TROLZ

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary citizen, businessman, and community leader in my district, Mr. Jerry Trolz of Goshen, IN, and to his hard-working employees.

Jerry is the owner of Goshen Stamping Co. I recently visited with him at his plant to observe an innovative "Partners in Education" Program which he has developed in conjunction with Goshen High School.

Under this program, Jerry puts talented high school students to work in his company as part of a structured academic/work curriculum. The students are given an opportunity to develop basic work skills and work habits and begin to learn a trade while they are still in school.

Before they can be admitted into the program, students must demonstrate a proficiency in basic reading, math, writing, communications, and economics. They must also demonstrate a commitment to the basic values of hard work, honesty, and integrity. Successful participants are guaranteed a job with Goshen Stamping after they graduate.

The partners in Education Program is filling an important niche in both the education and business communities in the Goshen area. It gives motivated students—particularly those who do not wish to attend college—a chance to learn a trade and secure a good paying job. At the same time, it provides companies such as Goshen Stamping with the steady influx of skilled workers they need to remain competitive in the increasingly global economy.

The program is working extremely well for both the students and the sponsoring businesses. Indeed, Goshen Stamping recently received the Emerson Tool Group's 1995 Distinguished Supplier Award, in recognition of its quality workmanship and skilled work force.

This is a reflection not only of Jerry's business skills, but also of the talented and dedicated employees at Goshen Stamping, and the commitment they have made to excellence in the work place.

While Jerry Trolz has been a leader in developing the Partners in Education Program, his contributions to the community do not stop here. Earlier this month, Jerry was named the 1996 winner of the Book of Golden Deeds Award by the Exchange Club of Goshen, in recognition of his lifetime of community service.

Jerry is a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Goshen; past chairman of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of Elkhart County; past president of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce; and past president of the Goshen Industrial Club.

He is currently director of the Goshen Salvation Army and Goshen Hospital Health Systems Board; president of the Greater Goshen Association, a member of the advisory boards of First Source Bank, Goshen Partners in Education Committee, the Elkhart Career Center and Ivy Tech State College; and a long-time supporter of Lacasa, Habitat for Humanity, and Youth for Christ.

Mr. Speaker, it is all too common to hear people complain these days that our educational system is not doing a good enough job of motivating and teaching students, or that government is not doing enough to address the problems in our communities.

Jerry Trolz does not believe in complaining. He believes in solutions. In receiving the Book of Golden Deeds Award, Jerry was quoted as saying, "Community service is the rent you pay for being here on earth."

I am pleased to call attention to Jerry's lifetime of community service, and hope that his efforts will serve as an inspiration to all Americans to give a little more of their time and energy to make their communities and our country a better place to live.

IN MEMORY OF RONALD H. BROWN, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer some thoughts on the tragic passing of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. I would first like to convey my sincere condolences to his family: his wife Alma, and his children Tracey and Michael.

As I survey his life it is difficult not to be impressed by the richness and breadth of Ron Brown's accomplishments. It is the quintessential American story. He rose from modest beginnings in Harlem to the pinnacles of law, politics and government. Secretary Brown's life was an affirmation that in America a man of imagination, talent and determination could succeed.

His joy in serving as Secretary of Commerce was infectious. His dedication to helping young Americans aspire and succeed was genuine. And his commitment to serve his country was a constant throughout his life.

His smile, hopefulness and generosity will be missed.

HONORING THE SMYRNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Smyrna Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These fireman must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in firefighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM G. HOUSTON

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the distinguished service of William G. Houston, an educator who has served the Lake Shore Central School District as Superintendent for over 30 years, on the occasion of his retirement.

Over those 30 years, William Houston dedicated his life to the enhancement of the Lake Shore District, and proved himself to be extraordinarily available to his faculty, staff, parents, and most importantly, students.

Considered the Dean of Superintendents in Western New York, William Houston's 30 year commitment to the same district far exceeds all others in Western New York, as well as most Superintendents throughout the entire State.

Throughout his tenure with Lake Shore Central, William Houston has established himself as an institution synonymous with academic commitment, rugged independence, insight and vision, hard work and dedication, and community involvement.

With retirement comes many opportunities, several personal, many professional. May he meet every opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor and which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career; and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the Houston family, his colleagues, friends, the Lake Shore School District, all of us who have served as educators, and indeed, the entire Western New York community, to honor Superintendent William Houston for his dedication, hard work, and commitment to our community and its education.

JIM GILLIS PAYS DIVIDENDS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, managing other people's money demands a trustworthy, intelligent and sensible person. Not only is he or she responsible for shareholders' money, but for their well-being and livelihood. John Gillis is such an individual, who fulfills this responsibility with enthusiasm and dedication.

John Gillis, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the United Bay City Credit Union is retiring after serving 6 years as Vice Chair and 9 years as a member of the Board. He also served on the Asset/Liability Management, Building, and Personnel Committees. Prior to serving on the Board, John served for 7 years on the Credit Committee and served as its Chairman.

John spent tireless hours in these volunteer positions and performs his duties above and beyond the call of duty. His willingness to take on additional tasks and his 100 percent attendance record are extraordinary. John's keen awareness of his responsibility to keep the credit union strong matched well with his ability to speak with conviction rather than convenience.

The United Bay City Credit Union has over 16,000 members. The Board is charged with the tremendous responsibility and challenge of overseeing all activities of the credit union, including how to invest assets and watching out for shareholders' interests. John is a truly dedicated board member who always puts the credit union members first. His leadership and commitment will be sorely missed.

A lifelong resident of Bay City, John graduated from Handy High School. He started working for General Motors Powertrain when it was Bay City Chevrolet and is a valuable employee. An avid golfer, John will now have a little more time to practice his swing.

John could not have achieved these accomplishments without the support of his loving family including his wife, Kay, and their three children, Kevin, Matthew, and Amy.

John Gillis represents the spirit of volunteerism and community service which makes our country one of the greatest Nations in the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing John Gillis and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEGACY OF DEBT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, under President Clinton's spending policies, the national debt will increase by more than \$1.1 trillion—rising from \$4.1 trillion in January 1993 to \$5.2 trillion in December 1996. By failing to balance the budget in 5 years as he promised, this legacy of debt means higher mortgage, car and student loan payments for working families.

My Republican colleagues and I have put the brakes on out-of-control Federal spending. We have cut Government beyond targets set by the budget resolution—this means a savings of \$23 billion to the hard working American taxpayer. We have terminated hundreds of wasteful government programs and provided offsets to pay for disaster assistance. Since January, 1995, when Republicans gained control of Congress, my colleagues and I have saved taxpayers \$43 billion.

These numbers are proof that we are doing what we promised the American people—we are committed to balancing the budget in 7 years. While the President fights to maintain the status quo and bloated bureaucracies, my colleagues and I are fighting to relieve the American taxpayer.

My Republican colleagues and I support policies that help America's hard working families earn more and keep more of what they earn. This ensures they will have more time to do more for themselves, their children, their church, and their community.

IN HONOR OF CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Cerritos